(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. Comments of several State Governments are awaited.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Pollution caused by public sector industrial units in Orissa

182. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some public sector industrial units in Orissa are causing environmental pollution;

(b) whether Orissa Government has approached the Central Government for adopting protective measures; and

(c) if so, what steps the Central Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Orissa Government have indicated that their State Pollution Control Board has directed these undertakings to install necessary Pollution Control devices within a time frame.

(c) Does not arise.

Atrocities against women

183. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether atrocities against women are on the increase in the country, particularly in big cities;

(b) whether Government have established any complaint cells in certain places in the country;

(c) if so, what are the names of the cities where such cells have been established;

(d) what was the number of complaints registered in these cells during the year 1987 alongwith the nature of complaints; and

(e) what steps ore being taken by Government to check atrocities against women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime including atrocities on women is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. It is for them to set up complaint cells according to their requirements. Statistics regarding number of complaints registered are not compiled by the Central agencies. However, a statement showing the number of cases reported as crime against women in 12 metropolitan cities during the yars 1985 to 1987 is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 5].

(e) The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 has been amended in 1984 and 1986 to make the law more stringent. The Indian Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 have also been amended to deal effectively not only with dowry death cases but also with cases of cruelty of married women.